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## Man Charged in Car-to-Car Shooting Death in Hawthorne

A Gardena man was charged today with murder for shooting his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend to death, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Donte Bay McNeil (dob 3/31/92) faces one count of murder with a special circumstance allegation of lying in wait and the special allegation of discharging a firearm and causing death in case SA088057.

McNeil is scheduled to appear at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch, Department 144, this afternoon for an arraignment.

On July 16, the victim Azaam Stallsworth, 31, was driving his girlfriend's car on South Prairie Avenue in Hawthorne with her in the passenger seat. As they drove near her house through an alley, the defendant drove slowly toward them and both cars stopped side by side, prosecutors said.

McNeil then shot Stallsworth from his car, prosecutors added. The car being driven by the victim crashed into a gate.

If convicted as charged, McNeil could face life without possibility of parole or the death penalty. The decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

He remains in custody with no bail. Deputy District Attorney Pam Revel is the assigned prosecutor.

The case is being investigated by the Hawthorne Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Bureau.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.